

Dublin Jan 16. 1857

Dear Mr May - Your parcel of pamphlets
has reached me & I have sent off the following
packets - or packets to the following: - Miss
Wigham, Messrs. Chambers of Edinburgh, Miss Estlin,
Miss Waring, Rev. Mr Kell, Andrew Paton, Leeds
Mercury, The Times, Manchester Free Library;
Mr Leoby, Halifax; Mr Armstrong, Leeds; Mrs
Turner; Miss Martineau; Lord Carlisle; James
Haughton; Rev. Mr Dunne, Unitarian, Birmingham;
Mrs Edmondson; R. D. Webb - I think I have
one book and several of the pamphlets left.

^{and} } Will you please have the Standard sent
to Mr Joseph S. Leoby, Halifax, Yorkshire.

I think your best plan when sending books
or papers again would be to send me a list
of those to whom you would like them sent.
There would be better than writing in the names
for it would save postage in some cases; &
whenever this can be done I would have
any words inscribed that you requested.
I could have sent some of the above to friends
of the cause instead of to newspapers &
libraries - but I tried to make such a distri-
bution as would do best for the cause.

I wonder could you manage to get a list
of the London National Review for January. It
is a quarterly publication which I have heard
much to supplant the Westminster and was
started in part by Rev. James Martineau in
opposition to his later interest in the latter
Review. You know there is no love between
them. However the last article in the last
National is called the Slave Empire of the West
& is very able. It shows a thorough knowledge
of the history & the condition of the Slave
power and takes a gloomy view of the future
owing to the unscrupulous agents of the South
& the debasement of the Free States. Unless the
Slaveholders attempt the conquest of America, or
return the Slave Trade, or treat very much too hard
upon the Southern Union, the United States they
are likely to go on conquering & to conquer. He
says we have no business to preach a propaganda
of liberty, and he treats with contempt the oppo-
sition of the abolitionists to political action as
absurd & suicidal. Of course he does not com-
prehend the principle on which they act, nor
the good reasons they have for abstaining from
political efforts in ~~which the constitution of the~~
a country in which the constitution &
public opinion are ^{so much} opposed to them.

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However I think with some slight exceptions
the statements in the article are very
striking, very able, and exceedingly de-
pressing. I would greatly like to hear
your opinion of this paper.

Will you tell Mrs Chapman that I think
I know her mother. I think he has a son to find.
But as far as a man can be anti-slavery, who
prefers himself this best to the cause, I give
him credit for being so - and so long as such
people are not hostile openly (or at least to my
knowledge of them) I accept their assistance.
If I had any information of his playing a double
part I would pitch him over at once - but nothing
of the kind has reached me. As to the aboli-
tionists who stick to the cause in the teeth of
great difficulties from friends & spiritual guides
they must be few in the nation of things, & these
few are to be found on both sides of the water
& they experience it to be ~~truly~~ ^{very} tough work.
It seems to me that the abolitionists never had
a more depressing time than now - never a
time in which there was less open opposition
or less hearty encouragement.

How you had Dr Kane another explanation
What a wonderful plucky fellow - he has his
father's obstinacy sublimed & I grieve much to
lose to such a hero.

Yours ever truly

Richd D Webb

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I have a long letter from Miss Estlin lately -
she was tolerably well - but she found all
efforts of thinking & writing upset her & brings
on suffusion of the eyes & headache. Has
the Photograph displaced the Daguerotypes
with you? Here a good likeness can be
had for half a dollar - If you could send
me such a one of yourself in the next box
that comes I would be much obliged & ~~that~~
put the outlay to your credit. There is a
weakness of mind. You are my most frequent
American correspondent & I would greatly
like to look in your face once more. I
asked P. Pillsbury to get me Wendell Phillips's
for he told me that the large portrait taken
like an Parker is a bad likeness. You
know. I have not seen Wendell since 1841
- 16 years! Alas!

I hope you will beat up for some
correspondence for the Advocate amongst
any who could write a line - none of
them is more to my taste than yourself